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## ART NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD

The Paris Bulletin de l'Art protests vehemently against sprinkling the gardens of the Louvre with statues having no harmonious relation either with their neighbors or with their architectural surroundings. If the craze for putting up statues to everybody must be allowed to run its course, the Bulletin thinks that the suburbs and not the most conspicuous parks of Paris should suffer. The sight of some worthy manufacturer or professor immortalized in bronze by his friends or heirs need not then cause amusement; but placed in the Louvre gardens or in the Tuileries, with the masterpieces of antique sculpture as companions, the result of this mania for statues becomes deplorable. "Where are the great men of France?" shouted an excited member in the Chamber of Deputies. The gamin who answered in a shrill voice, "In bronze," uttered a biting sarcasm that will lose its point if the present craze is not stopped. Everybody will soon have a statue as well as a tombstone. And because an insignificant man has a statue cast to his memory it is no reason why the state should abet the absurdity by allowing it to be placed where an unfortunate public must see it, whether it wishes to or not.

✱ American artists living abroad have organized a League of American Artists in Europe, with the object of bringing their work to the notice of art-loving Americans traveling abroad. A gallery is to be opened in Paris wherein the work of American painters and sculptors will be on exhibition. A jury of foreign artists passes upon exhibits in order that no favoritism may be shown. Alexander Harrison is chairman of the hanging committee. The exhibition will be held in the salon of the Grand Hotel.

✱ The long conflict of Signor Eliseo Borghi with the Italian government, concerning the bronze objects he retrieved many years ago from Lake Nemi, has been settled by the payment to him of twenty-seven thousand dollars. The treasures belong to one or more magnificent houseboats of imperial times sunk near the shore, and include balustrades, beautifully modeled heads of the Medusa, and lions, etc. Caligula is supposed to have caused these ships to be built. The Italian parliament has a bill before it appropriating funds for raising these pleasure craft so sumptuously decorated, and an expedition has been sent to Lake Nemi to take photographs of what is visible of them.

✱ The salon of the independent artists, Paris, opened lately, received for the first time the official sanction of the Minister of Fine Arts, M. Dujardin Beaumetz. It contains 4,269 works, many of which attract attention by their grotesque eccentricity and wild extravagance, but provoke laughter and mirth. There are some two hundred pictures of remarkable talent. Among the names of the painters are those of Dagnac, Riviere, Paul Signac, Bernard Boutet De Monvel, Desvallières, Robert Besnard, and Antoine de la Rochefoucauld.



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